The following action is proposed to be taken:

1. Gauge conversion of Rupsa Bangriposi NG section to BG will be included in the Action Plan.

2. Railway Ministry will pursue for the construction of new line from Deitari to Banspani with the Planning Commission.

3. Action will be taken to upgrade important railway stations in Orissa and to allot more funds for the passenger emenities.

4. Survey for electrification of Vizag to Kharagpur section which is already sanctioned will be expedited.

Construction of trunk pipeline

*568. SHRI MATANG SING: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that during the discussion between the then Chief Minister of Assam and Union Home Minister in March, 1989, it was decided that the trunk pipeline would be constructed by the Gas Authority of India Limited and a subsidiary distribution line would be constructed by the Assam Gas Company;

(b) if so, what are the the reasons that this project has not yet been cleared by the Ministry of Petroleum; and

(c) whether the Feasibility Report of Project has been prepared by GAIL, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir. It was agreed that while trunk pipeline would be constructed by GAIL, subsidiary distribution lines could be taken up by Assam Gas Company on mutually agreed terms.

(b) and (c) GAIL has prepared a Feasibility Report for laying the main trunk pipelines only. The Government of Assam has suggested two alternative routes for the pipeline, and these alternative are being examined in consultation with GAIL.

Doubling and Electrification of railway line between New Delhi and Barauni

559. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for doubling and electrification of railway line between New Delhi and Barauni;

(b) if so, the details thereof including sections which have already been doubled and electrified;

(c) the details of the progress so far made in this regard;

(d) whether there is any proposal to start some more fast trains on this route; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) New Delhi-Kanpur-Unnao is already doubled. New Delhi-Kanpur is electrified. Doubling between Unnao and Lucknow is in progress. Patch doubling has also been taken up on Mazaffarpur-Barauni Section. 57 kms have been completed and work is in progress on 18 kms. There is no proposal for further doubling and electrifications at present.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Laying of product pipeline

*570. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for laying of product pipeline from HPCL, Vizag refinery to Jijayawada in Andhra Pradesh;